

" As much as you like/³ the boatswain answered*

" Nothing could be more pleasant than drinking one another's health in this excellent wine,"

" Let us drink then," said Frank, " to the happiness of seeing our parents and our friends again at Falconhurst or Rock Castle ! "

And, clinking glasses, they gave three cheers for the Zermatts and the Wolstons.

" Seriously/' John Block remarked, " there are plenty of inns in England and elsewhere which aren't nearly so good as this hermitage of Eberfurt."

" Moreover, Block," Fritz answered, " here the entertainment is free I "

When supper was finished all sought the repose of which they had such need after their long day's march.

Every one of them slept until the sun rose next morning.